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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF
Randolph J NOELLE et al.
Application No. 09/164,568
Filed: October 1, 1998



Group Art Unit: 1644
Examiner: P. Gambel

Title: *METHOD FOR INDUCING ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC T CELL TOLERANCE*

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 54 as set forth below.

54. (Twice Amended) A method for reducing T cell responsiveness *in vivo* to an autoantigen expressing cell comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment:

(i) an autoantigen expressing cell;
(ii) a gp39 antagonist selected from the group consisting of an anti-gp39 antibody, an anti-gp39 antibody fragment that binds gp39, soluble CD40, and soluble CD40 fusion proteins;

wherein said gp39 antagonist is administered prior, concurrent and/or subsequent to administration of said autoantigen expressing cells, and said gp39 antagonist is administered in an amount effective to reduce T cell responses to said autoantigen expressing cells.

Kindly cancel claim 57. ✓

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